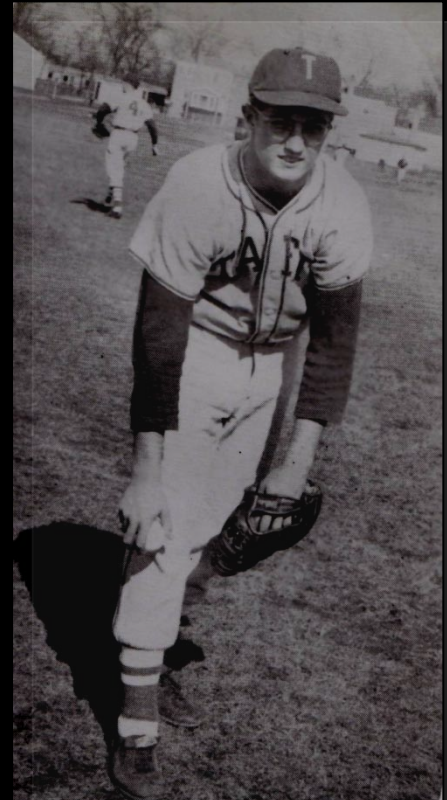


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TAFT 1958 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

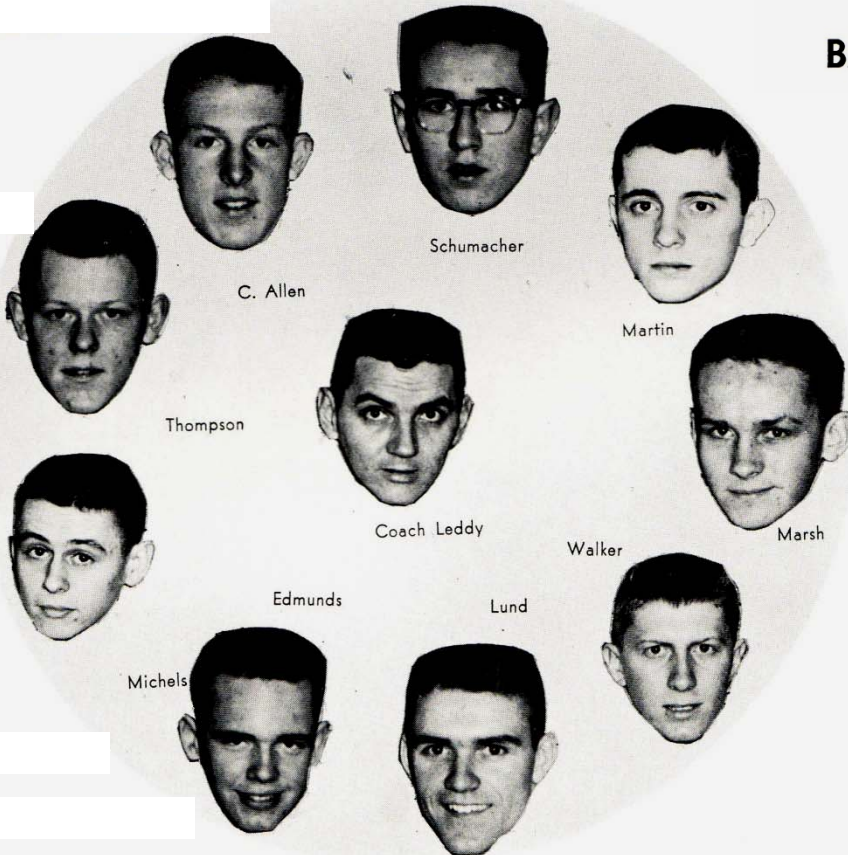
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APRIL 15, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	7	1-0
		LANE TECH	0	
APRIL 17, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	17	2-0
		ROOSEVELT	1	
APRIL 21, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	10	3-0
		SENN	4	
APRIL 23, 1958	HOME	TAFT	11	4-0
		SCHURZ	1	
APRIL 25, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	7	5-0
		WALLER	0	
MAY 6, 1958	HOME	TAFT	0	5-1
		AMUNDSEN	1	
MAY 8, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	8	6-1
		VON STEUBEN	0	
MAY 12, 1958	HOME	TAFT	10	7-1
		SULLIVAN	5	
MAY 14, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	13	8-1
		LAKE VIEW	4	
MAY 16, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	0	8-2
		LANE TECH	2	
MAY 20, 1958	HOME	TAFT	12	9-2
		ROOSEVELT	4	
MAY 23, 1958	HOME	TAFT	3	10-2
		SENN	1	
JUNE 2, 1958	AWAY	TAFT	0	10-3
		SCHURZ	1	
JUNE 4, 1958	HOME	TAFT	11	11-3
		WALLER	0	
JUNE 12, 1958	PLAYOFF GAME	TAFT	7	12-3
		TULEY	0	
JUNE 19, 1958	SEMI FINALS	TAFT	3	13-3
		FENGER	2	
JUNE 24, 1958	CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL!	TAFT	1	14-2
		LANE TECH	0	

1957 and 1958 City Champs



CITY CHAMPS

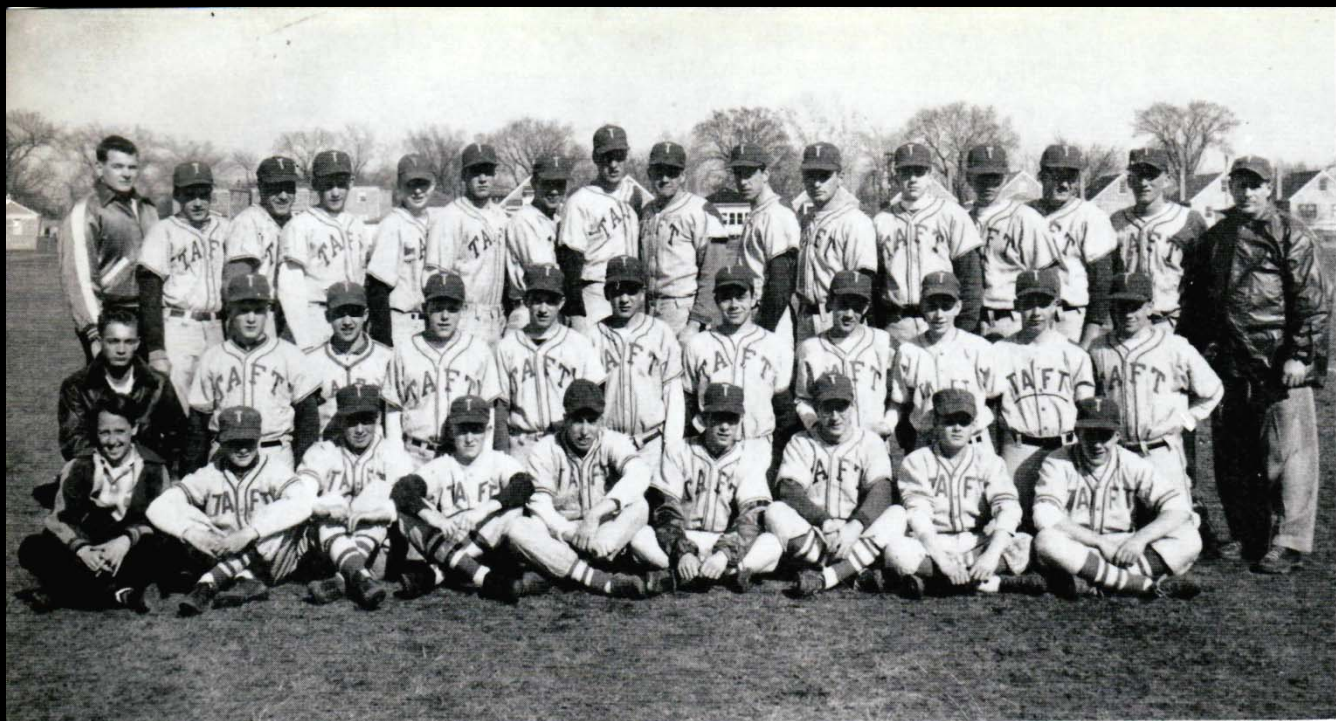
BASEBALL



1958 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL LINEUP

CLASS	PLAYER	POSITION
'59	GORDON LUND	2B
'59	CARL PETERSON	3B
'59	STEVE THOMPSON	1B
'59	TOM EDMUNDS	RF
'59	LARRY MARSH	C
'58	DENNIS PICKETT	P
'58	JERRY MEYER	CF
'58	GREG SCHUMACHER	LF
'58	RON KOZEMZAK	SS

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Left to right, front row: Paul Duetsch, Bruce Murphy, John Zink, Al Peterson, Bill Beyer, Denny Pickett, Bob Henninger, John Guttler, Tom Nelles.
 Second row: Bob Darville, Stuart Crippen, Gary Blohm, Steve Thompson, Pat Devries, Tom Wise, Jerry Meyer, Mike Senn, Don Eberl, Tom Edmunds, Denny Cavan.
 Third row: Don Anderson (asst. coach), Gordy Lund, Bob Gunderson, Larry Marsh, Steve Miller, Ricky Peterson, Peter Kralls, Steve Svetlik, Ray Maize, Denny Bell, Gordy Arnsperger, Ken Eeles, Jim Osterman, Ron Kozemzak, Mike Peterson, Jim Smilgoff (coach).

BASEBALL 1957

Since this yearbook goes to press long before the end of the baseball season, complete coverage of this year's team will appear in the next yearbook. At this point it promises to be a good season. The general lineup is: Eeles at catcher; Kozemzak, Pickett, and Peterson as pitchers; Kozemzak or Peterson on second; Lund at short stop; Terry on first; Peterson on third; Arnsperger in left; Meyer in center, Maize in right.



Eeles and Arnsperger (batting)



Kozemzak



Marsh



Baseball Team

Taft's Baseball Team is coached by Mr. James Smilgoff, who brought our team in last year as City Champs. The winning game for this title was played against Lane Technical High School at Lane field, where throngs of students, teachers and parents watched intensely.

Each member of the team received in honor of his skills, sportsmanship, and loyalty a silver baseball, and last year each player received a gold baseball. Our Baseball Team has brought much fame and honor to Taft, and we are proud of them.



Denny Pickett talks to Lane Team after pitching no-hit game



BASEBALL KING AND QUEEN

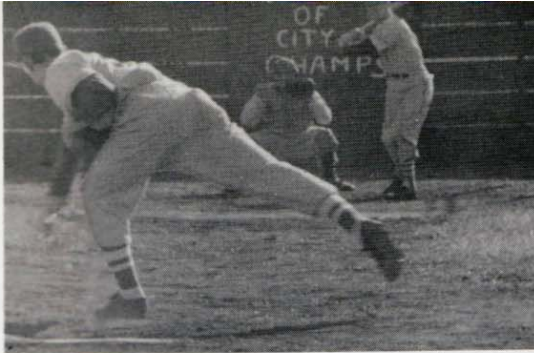
A baseball queen is chosen every season by the students. There are two girls from each year who are selected by a preliminary ballot to run for queen. The votes are bought by the students and teachers to help support the team. The king is then selected by her, the queen.

This year the queen was Judy Sonnenleiter and her court was Jeanne Kozemzak, Freshman; Cindy Jackson, Sophomore; Karen Lang, Junior; and Judy Snow, Senior; the queen chose Dennis Pickett for her king.



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On September 12, 2003 a CITY CHAMPS Reunion was held for the TAFT HIGH SCHOOL 1957 & 1958 Baseball Teams to celebrate the 45th Year & 46th anniversary of their extraordinary success. The event also honored the memory of the coach that was instrumental in making it happen, Coach James Smilgoff. Coach Smilgoff 's record speaks for itself, 312 games played, 260 wins for an incredible 83.3% Win Record bring home 3 City Titles & 6North Section Titles! Below is the reunion program for that event.

The late James Smilgoff



- * 260 Wins *
- * 52 losses *
- * 3 City Titles *
- (1949, 1957 and 1958)
- * 6 North Section Titles *

TAFT BASEBALL REUNION

1957 and 1958 City Champs



THE WELLINGTON of ARLINGTON
Friday, September 12, 2003

MENU

Soup of the Day

SALAD

Tossed Salad with choice of dressing

Rolls and Butter

ENTREE

Combination Plate of Boneless Chicken
with Athenian sauce
and
Roast Sirloin of Beef
with Madera sauce

VEGETABLES

Twice baked potato and vegetable of the day

DESSERT

Chocolate Sundae

BEVERAGE

Coffee-Hot Tea-Milk

(Cash Bar)

A Celebration

of

Taft High School Baseball

The Smilgoff Years 1946-1958

"Maier to Pickett"

Organizing Committee

Karen and Dennis Pickett
Roberta and Gordon Lund
Lynn Terry MC

Program

(MC)

- * Welcome Guests
- * Origins of the reunion
- * Remembering our coach
- * Taft baseball 1946-1956
- * The 1957 and 1958 seasons